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UP CORRESPONDENT MAISSI (ISRAELI NATIONAL) CALLED AT EMBASSY OCTOBER 25 TO INQUIRE IF IT WERE TRUE THAT THE US HAD CHANGED ITS POLICY TO PERMIT (SIC) FRENCH SALES OF SUPERSONICS TO JORDAN. HE ADDED THAT HIS INFORMATION INCLUDED FOLLOWING: (A) DECISION WAS MADE AT CASABLANCA CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE FOR MASSIVE ARMAMENT PROGRAM FOR ARAB STATES, INCLUDING SUPERSONICS FOR JORDAN; (B) KUWAIT WAS TO PICK UP CHECK BUT WAS NOW RESISTING; (C) JORDAN WAS BLACKMAILING WEST BY THREATENING TO PURCHASE CHEAPER MIGS IF SUPERSONICS NOT AVAILABLE FROM WEST; (D) KING HUSSEIN HAD GONE DIRECT TO GENERAL DE GAULLE AFTER JORDANIAN MISSION TO

PARIS HAD BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN CONCLUSIVE RESULTS; (E) GENERAL DE GAULLE INDICATED APPROVAL FOR FRENCH SALES, REFERRING JORDANIANS TO DEFMIN MESSMER; (F) JORDAN REPORTEDLY HAD COMMITMENT TO BUY 24 MIRAGE-3'S FOR $40 MILLION FROM FRENCH; (G) SINCE JORDANIANS HAD NO FUNDS, ONLY FINANCIAL AID FROM US WOULD PERMIT TRANSACTION; (H) TEAM OF FRENCH AIR FORCE OFFICERS UNDER COLONEL DE LA HAYE HAD JUST LEFT FOR AMMAN, PRESUMABLY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS.

EMBOFF REPLIED ALONG LINES DEPTEL 1606, ADDING FACT THAT ANY DECISION RE FRENCH SUPERSONICS SALES IS ONE FOR GOF NOT USG TO MAKE. MCBRIDE

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